



Mascoutah Little Indians Youth Football Program 2010 Season Parent Code of Conduct

Preamble

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these six pillars of character.

I therefore agree:

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not for adults.
2. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
3. I (and my guest) will not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct.
4. I (and my guest) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
5. I (and my guest) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures. Abusive or profane language will not be tolerated on the premises of a game or toward any person in attendance.
6. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
7. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
8. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
9. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
10. I will never ridicule or yell at other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
11. I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
12. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
13. I will accept the decisions of the game officials and judges on the field and in competitions as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials.
14. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices.
15. I will not permit an ineligible player to participate in a game.
16. After receiving the Official's report that a coach, spectator or player has been disqualified, the Mascoutah Little Indians Youth Football Program President shall require such coach, spectator or player to appear before the Board of Directors to explain his/her conduct. It will be the decision of those members whether to suspend or reinstate that coach, spectator or player. In the case of a spectator, he/she will not be allowed on the grounds until reinstated by the Board of Directors.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

1. Verbal Warning by official and/or the Little Indians President with written documentation of the incident kept on file by the Little Indians
2. Written warning with written documentation of the incident kept on file by the Little Indians
3. Parental game suspension with written documentation of the incident kept on file by the Little Indians
4. Parental season suspension with written documentation of the incident kept on file by the Little Indians

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date Signed